THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir. Konkan Railway has deposited the requisite compensation amount with the State Revenue Departments for further disbursements to the respective landlosers at the time of laying of Konkan Railway track. As far as employment is concerned, Konkan Railway Corporation Limited (KRCL) has followed the policy of filling up the vacancies as and when they arise from landlosers, subject to verification of records.

(b) Until now, 1365 landlosers have been provided with employment in KRCL. The details regarding the number of persons being given compensation are available with the State Revenue Authorities.

(c) As the requisite compensation amount has already been deposited with the State Revenue Authorities, the details of number of persons yet to get compensation will be available with State Revenue Authority only. The requirement of personnel in KRCL is an ongoing process depending upon the requirements and vacancy position at any given point of time.

(d) Land court case is an ongoing process. As per the available records, the number of land court cases in various civil Courts are about 1012. The time period as to their disposal cannot be predicted as they are *subjudice* matters and not in control of Konkan Railway.

Running trains on bio-diesel

1939. SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways are planning to run trains on bio-diesel to cut the oil cost; and

(b) if so, what is the total amount of savings which Railways would gain by using bio-diesel (Jetropha)?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) and (b) Preliminary studies, including fields trial, have been done for running diesel locomotives on bio-diesel. It is premature to estimate savings at this stage, as bio-diesel is presently not available in substantial quantities.